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PUBLIC CONDUIT MAYOR'S DESIRE

Will Recommend Its Construction To Council

Says He Will Sign Pole Rental Ordinance as Soon as It Is Presented.

MANY POLES WILL COME DOWN.

A conduit owned by the city and leased to the telephone, telegraph and electric lighting companies, is one dream of Mayor Yeiser, and he expects to suggest the proposition to the next general council, probably in his annual message.

This statement was made by him this morning when the pole rental ordinance was mentioned.

"I do not hesitate to say that I shall sign that ordinance," said the mayor. "I was instrumental in getting it introduced. It provides for an annual rental of \$2 for each pole used to string wires for telephone and telegraph companies. The street railway company is not affected.

"The law has gone clear to the supreme court of the United States and stood the test. This is not a license tax, but a rental for the use of the streets. Our ordinance is identical with that of Memphis."

The probable rental to be derived from this source has not been computed, but a glance at the myriads of poles that stand on the streets of Paducah satisfies one that the city will derive a large income from this source, if all the poles are continued. The board of public works for the last year has been weeding them out, or at least retarding their accumulation, and compelling the telephone and telegraph companies to join with the city in the use of poles wherever practicable.

The belief is that the number of poles in the residence sections will be cut in half, by the four companies doubling up, and conduits will be found cheaper down town.

This is where Mayor Yeiser's advance idea comes in.

"The plan has worked elsewhere satisfactorily," he said. "The idea is not entirely for profit, but by charging a moderate rental for the conduit service we could get the dangerous and unsightly overhead wires and poles out of sight and in the course of time pay for the improvement. The city would use the conduits for electric light wires and police and fire telegraph wires."

Threat to Marion.

Marion, Ky., Dec. 7.—This town was thrown into a feverish state of excitement today by the announcement that Dr. R. L. Moore, who operates a large tobacco stemmy here, had received a letter written in a disguised hand and warning him not to receive any more tobacco. The letter is said to have been signed, "Night Riders," and was mailed at Princeton, Ky.

Tapped Water Pipe.

When the new boilers were lowered into the cellar of the Illinois Central depot several weeks ago, a long iron rod was driven into the ground through the depot platform to act as an anchor for the ropes. It went through a water pipe causing a leak. The water percolated into the cellar and a steam siphon was installed to keep the cellar dry. Today excavations are being made to find the leak.

To Save the Children.

New York, Dec. 7.—Fearing wholesale poisoning of children by candy, the city authorities are trying to prevent the glucose trust from shipping here from Philadelphia, tons of glucose which the trust virtually admits may have been responsible for the death of women and children from ingredients used in manufacturing it.

Riley Pitman Sued.

Della Pitman filed suit against Riley Pitman for divorce alleging mistreatment and the wasting of her estate. The custody of their three children is asked for the wife, and \$30 a month alimony. The two were married in August, 1892, and separated October, 1905.

In Bankruptcy.

E. W. Bagby, referee in bankruptcy, has ordered William Schroeder to pay into the bankruptcy court \$152.74 paid to him in the state court in a suit brought against Henry A. Douglas, bankrupt. The money is to be distributed among creditors in the bankruptcy court.

Count Boni's Catch.

Paris, Dec. 7.—Count Boni de Castellane, it is reported in fashionable circles, has sailed for England, where, it is declared, he will marry Mme. Letellier, the divorced wife of Albert Menjer, the millionaire chocolate manufacturer.

ON THE RECORDS.

Resolutions of Bar Association Will Be Spread.

Today the Livingston County Bar association will meet at Smithland and draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Capt. J. W. Bush and James C. Hodge, who died a short time ago. The usual committee will be appointed and a page on the records of the court reserved for the resolutions. Attorney John K. Hendrick went from Paducah to be present. Livingston circuit court is now in session and attorneys from all over the county will be in attendance at the meeting.

SUCCESSFUL

DEDICATION OF ELKS' HOME ON NORTH FIFTH STREET.

Formal, Ritualistic Ceremonies Followed by Elaborate Banquet at Night.

The dedication of the Elks' Home on North Fifth street yesterday afternoon was attended by many out of town visitors and the handsome building was filled with members of the lodge from the beginning of the dedication ceremonies at 4 o'clock in the afternoon until the banquet was over.

The dedication was attended only by members of the order. The ceremonies were closed about 6:30 o'clock. They were conducted by Exalted Ruler R. T. Lightfoot. At 8:30 o'clock, the social session began lasting until midnight. The banquet was one of the most elaborate ever given in the city.

WARRANTS

WILL BE ISSUED TOMORROW FOR RECALCITRANTS.

Names of Those Failing to Pay License Given to Judge Cross Today.

Between 12 and 15 names of persons who have failed to pay a license tax for the year were given to Police Judge D. A. Cross this morning by License Inspector George Lehnhard, and warrants will be issued this afternoon for those on the list who have by that time failed to pay the license. Judge Cross issued warning orders and gave them a day of grace. Tomorrow he expects to have several of them before him, some having declared they would not pay when approached by the license inspector. They are doctors, lawyers and a few merchants.

Marlborough Troubles.

London, Dec. 7.—After all the secrecy attending the separation of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, it is likely that their affairs may finally be aired in court. There is a well-grounded rumor going around in Mayfair that there is a bitter dispute in progress over the custody of the Marlborough children, and that it may culminate in legal proceedings.

Suicide in Railroad Yards.

Louisville, Dec. 7.—William French, treasurer of Port Fulton, Ind., was found dead in the Southern railway yards here today with a bullet hole in the temple and a revolver by his side. His watch and money are untouched, indicating suicide. He disappeared six weeks ago and threatened his own life.

Didn't Like Boni.

Paris, Dec. 7.—A remarkable scene followed the interpellation of the government on the Moroccan question in the chamber of deputies today by M. Jaures, the Socialist leader. Count Boni de Castellane unexpectedly ascended the tribune, whereupon half the deputies abruptly left the house.

ILLINOIS BUILDING IS STARTED.

Corner Stone for Structure at Jamestown Exposition Laid.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 7.—Virginia united with Illinois today in laying the corner stone of the magnificent building of Illinois at the Jamestown exposition grounds. Governor Swanson assisted in the ceremonies, which were witnessed by a large crowd. The Illinois building joins that of the mother state, and the occasion today was particularly fitting. Chairman Humphreys, of the Illinois commission, spoke and was followed by Governor Swanson. Then followed the laying of the corner stone. The Illinois building will be one of the finest on the grounds.

DRAFT DECEIVED PRES. E. REHKOPF

Was His Testimony On Stand This Afternoon

He Did Not Make Out Accounts of Concern—His Examination Is Resumed.

LEFT ONLY FOR COLLATERAL

E. Rehkopf, president of the E. Rehkopf Saddlery company, had nothing to do with making out drafts and bills, according to his testimony given this afternoon in the bankruptcy proceedings, and he declared that if any drafts were drawn or accounts made out against firms, which had not purchased the goods from the E. Rehkopf Saddlery company, they were without his knowledge or consent.

Mr. Rehkopf took the stand again this afternoon, and his examination which has already consumed hours was resumed, not a detail escaping the close questioning of both his own attorneys and the attorneys for the other side.

The first thing this afternoon the attorneys went into the assertions of President Thompson of the American German Nation bank, that he had been told certain notes were transferred to the bank to cover drafts drawn on persons who had never bought goods set out in accompanying accounts from the saddlery company. Mr. Rehkopf explained how goods were sold and the books kept, and stated that he had nothing to do with making out drafts or accounts. As to the fact that he did not write drafts, he was corroborated by the testimony of other witnesses.

As to the fact that drafts were not forwarded by the bank for collection, Mr. Rehkopf testified that they were deposited there simply as collateral security and not for collection, and were redeemed from time to time, his own testimony and that of President Thompson being to the effect that settlements were made on Saturdays.

His Examination.

Being examined by Attorney J. S. Ross, Mr. Rehkopf said he had nothing to do with keeping the books and making out drafts. He is not capable of keeping a set of books. He said he took the mail to the office in the morning and the orders were handled in the office. Drafts were brought to him to be signed.

The question was asked: "Did you ever sign a draft as president on a party when you knew the party did not owe the money?"

He answered: "I never did." He was asked if he ever authorized any one to prepare a draft on a party when he knew the party did not owe the money.

He replied: "No."

To the question if he ever allowed a draft to go out of the office bearing his signature when he knew the party on whom it was drawn did not owe the money, he replied:

"Not if I knew it."

He was asked if he investigated every draft brought to him for signature, and he said:

"No, not until I learned that a bad one had been sent out. Then a lot were brought for me to sign and I refused to sign them."

He was asked what he did when he learned of this.

"Well, I told Mr. Thompson," he said.

Ross—"What did you do?"

Rehkopf—"I tried to make it good."

Ross—"What effort did you make to make it good?"

Rehkopf—"At one time I took notes over to the bank which Mr. Thompson agreed to take. But he backed out and refused them. The notes were for \$6,000."

He said he put up warehouse receipts for leather as security finally. He first learned about the drafts being bad a short time before his assignment.

Henderson Wants Immigrants.

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 7.—The Henderson Commercial club is in communication with the department of commerce and labor in Washington for the purpose of importing immigrants for labor in mines and other industries around Henderson. The foreign population in this section is very small and efforts will be made to secure a large number of the right sort of immigrants.

L. B. Ogilvie & company, blankets, white spreads, sheets and pillow cases.

John Doherty, towels.

The committee let contracts for the furnishing of the entire poor house. The capacity is 36 inmates.

Suits Filed.

J. B. P. Briggs filed suit today against Joseph Fletcher and Peter Foreman for \$600 alleged to be due for logs delivered.

NEWSPAPER SLEUTH.

Dayton, O., Dec. 7.—David Curtis, arrested early this morning, confessed to Coroner Kline that he murdered Dona Gilman, whose mutilated body was found on the commons here a short time ago. The evidence against Curtis was worked up by a correspondent of the Cincinnati Post after officials had practically abandoned the case. Curtis is a white man, and gave a detailed account of how he assaulted, and strangled girl.

POPE'S PHYSICIAN DIES.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Dr. Laponni, the pope's personal physician, died this morning. Pope Pius is grief-stricken because of the death of his friend and has invoked a special blessing for him. Dr. Laponni with his last breath predicted the pontiff despite heart trouble would remain strong and well for years.

NEED MORE ROOM IN HIGH SCHOOL

To Care For Increasing Enrollment and Attendance

Larger Now Than Ever Before and Two Hundred More Will Be Passed in January.

SCHOOLS GROWING RAPIDLY.

The first term of school will close the third week in January and when the second term begins the High school will show an enrollment of over 200, the largest in the history of the schools; and the question of teachers and space to seat the big school will interest the incoming school board. The structure, which was at the time of building considered too large for the needs of the schools, is now cramped and crowded, and from indications another building of twice its present dimensions will not be sufficient to comfortably seat the pupils in the Washington school district.

One hundred and sixty-nine pupils are enrolled in the High school. In February, when the "A eighth grade" enters the High school, the enrollment will be increased to about 209. There are now six teachers in the faculty, including Principal E. G. Payne, who through necessity must teach four classes. These in addition to his duties of looking after the High school, makes his work hard. There is a question as to how the teachers will manage to care for the big school, and the board will doubtless be petitioned for additional teachers for the High school.

Three years ago we had but 200 pupils less than we have now. Yet the enrollment had increased a much greater per cent. It is not by pupils coming into the city," said Supt. Leib. "It is due directly to a development in the schools and to an increased interest aroused in the community."

FURNISHING

FOR POOR HOUSE LET TO LOWEST BIDDERS TODAY.

Four Local Firms Secure Contracts Worth \$1,000 From Fiscal Court.

Rhodes, Burford & company, F. N. Gardner & company, L. B. Ogilvie & company, and John Doherty are the four successful firms in the bidding to furnish the poor house, the contracts being let this morning by the furnishing committee. The committee is composed of magistrates George Broadfoot, John J. Bleich and C. W. Emery. County Judge Lightfoot was unable to attend. The meeting was held in Magistrate Emery's office at 10 o'clock and it required nearly all morning to complete the work. The total expense of furnishing the four wards will be about \$1,000, and the contracts were awarded as follows:

Rhodes-Burford company, beds, rocking chairs, straight back chairs, pillows and window shades.

F. N. Gardner & company, mirrors, tables and mattresses.

L. B. Ogilvie & company, blankets, white spreads, sheets and pillow cases.

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GO SLOWLY, SAYS SPEAKER CANNON

His Advice To Rivers And Harbors Congress

Suggestion Is Made That General Appropriation Be Sought for the Work.

NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Washington, Dec. 7.—An appropriation bill by congress of at least \$50,000,000 annually, for the improvement of rivers and harbors was the keynote of speeches delivered before the national river and harbors convention here. At the morning session an address was made by Harvey L. Goulder, president of the congress. Speaker Cannon and Chairman Burton, of the house committee on rivers and harbors.

Goulder advocated the development of public sentiment in favor of increased annual appropriations for internal waterway improvement.

Speaker Cannon warned the delegates not to expect too much from congress "for," he said "too much cannot be done at one time. Do the most important thing first, and concentrate upon it, and then take up the next most important things."

Burton said the convention should not ask for appropriations from congress for any particular community, but for the greater projects of the country. He thought less should be spent on the navy and more for improvement of rivers and harbors.

At the afternoon session the principal features were the report of the committee on reorganization and the announcement of the committees. Speeches were made by a number of prominent delegates.

The congress last night elected: President, Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana; secretary and treasurer, J. P. Ellison, of Cincinnati, O. The board of directors includes Lawrence M. Jones, president of the Missouri River Improvement association of Kansas City, Mo.; Thomas M. Wilkinson, of Burlington, Ia. and James H. Davidson, of Oskosh, Wis.

I. C. PAYS THE STATE \$600,102.

Amount Turned In Is Largest For Any Six Months' Period.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—The state treasury was enriched today by \$600,102, paid by the Illinois Central railroad. This amount is 7 per cent of the gross earnings of the road for the six months ending October 31, 1906, on its charter lines. The payment made today is the largest for any six months' period.

Yerkes Will Not Run.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The Hon. John W. Yerkes today took himself clear out of the range of gubernatorial possibilities by making the following statement: "I have stated positively during the last year and a half, both verbally and in writing, that I would not be a candidate for the governorship and I repeat the statement so that it will be more conclusive to many friends who are kind enough to write me and to offer their support."

Posse Surrounds Fugitive.

Milford, O., Dec. 7.—Three hundred armed men, assisted by two packs of blood hounds are pursuing Henry White, a negro, who murdered Marshal Barstow, of Franklin, Ohio, and subsequently escaped from jail. It is believed the negro is surrounded in the woods. The negro is known to be armed. A battle is feared.

Bubonic Plague Suspected.

Hamburg, Dec. 7.—Four seamen belonging to the crew of the German steamer Santa Fe, from the River Platt, have been sequestered under the strong suspicion that they are suffering from bubonic plague. One man died during the voyage and was buried at sea.

Big Fire in Holyoke.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 7.—Fire which started in the store of Fay & Shumay this morning caused the loss of over \$300,000. A company of militia was called out to patrol the streets and maintain order.

Buildings Destroyed.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—The buildings and machinery of the International Portland Cement company were damaged by fire this morning to the extent of \$100,000. Two large buildings were destroyed and much stock damaged.

Delays Rebuilding City.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Mills and lumber yards of the Union Lumber company were destroyed by fire this morning at a loss of a quarter of a million. Burning the plant will cause a long delay in rebuilding operations.

WEATHER — Fair and colder tonight. Saturday fair with slowly rising temperature. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 48 and the lowest today was 23.

FRAT. HOUSE BURNS.

And Five Are Dead and Two Fatally Injured.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Five men are dead, two fatally and a number seriously injured by fire, which started at 3:30 o'clock this morning and entirely destroyed the Chi. Phi. fraternity house of Cornell university. The dead are: W. H. Nichols, student, Chicago; O. L. Schmuck, student, Andover, Pa.; A. S. Robinson, attorney, Ithaca, and two volunteer firemen. The fire started in the kitchen range and quickly spread through the big fraternity house, valued at \$200,000.

POPULAR

IS APPOINTMENT OF CITY AUDITOR KIRKLAND.

Has Held Office Since Its Creation in 1902—One of Best Accountants in City.

City Auditor Alex Kirkland was appointed for another year by Mayor Yeiser and the appointment was ratified by the aldermen without dissent. Mr. Kirkland has been auditor since the office was created when the city went into the second class in 1902.

He has made an excellent record. He is one of the best accountants in the city and has so systematized his work that he is enabled at a moment's notice to give detailed information as to the financial condition of the city or any departments.

His record is clean and his appointment will be received with general satisfaction in Paducah.

RUSH WORK

TO COMPLETE REMODELING OF HOTEL BELVEDERE.

Expect to Have Work Done by January 15, When Traveling Men Take the Road.

Architect A. L. Lassiter has completed the plans for the remodeling of the Belvedere hotel. The contractors are now figuring on the different items in the plans, to estimate the cost and the time it will require to finish the work.

By December 15 most of the traveling men will have quit the road and they do not get started back good until January 15. In this interim it is expected to complete the work. It will be all inside work and can be rushed ahead. The principal problem will be in moving the elevator from the rear to the front of the building.

The proposed changes have been outlined before in The Sun. With the annex being built on the south side of Broadway, the hotel will have a capacity of 48 rooms. The present capacity is 25 rooms.

MUSICIANS' UNION

Organized in Paducah With R. E. Jones, President.

The musicians of Paducah have organized a union and are now working under their charter. The local is known as Musicians Protective association, of Paducah, A. F. of M., No. 348, with the following officers, R. E. Jones, president; Charles Nicholson, vice-president; A. J. Leutenmayer, secretary; George Prince, treasurer. They are affiliated with the Central Labor union as well as the American Federation of Labor.

LEAVES TOWN.

James Wilhite Discharged on His Own Promise.

James Wilhite, who refused to pay for his dinner at the Bowl restaurant, 121 Kentucky avenue, yesterday, and who shoved Mrs. Bollin aside as he attempted to leave the place was fined \$5 and costs for being drunk and disorderly and judgment was suspended on condition he leave the city on the first train, which he promised to do.

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TRUANT OFFICER SHOULD BE NAMED

Boys Destroy School Property And Set Bad Example

Superintendent Lieb Says There Are Few Out of School But They Are Malicious.

WOULD CONTROL YOUNGSTERS

Vandalism, which school authorities have long deplored, again brought destruction to school property this week. Wednesday it began at the Lee building on South Sixth street when several boys, whose names are known to school officials, visited the school, threw stones and incited other pupils to misbehave. They are school children and habitual truants.

Thursday morning at the Jefferson building, Eighth and Harrison streets, several unknown boys throw stones at the building and demolished three windows. This morning the act was repeated, three more windows being broken out. Besides the expense of the glass, inconvenience is caused by the cold air coming in through the windows endangering the health of pupils.

"I am in favor of employing a truant officer," Supt. Lieb said. "I look at it in this way. Boys between the ages of 6 and 14 come under the jurisdiction of the truant officer. From 14 to 16 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, and 16 and above under the jurisdiction of police court. If a truant officer is employed we will be assured of a means of punishing boys of all ages."

"It is not the large number of pupils not enrolled, who should be enrolled, but the excessive badness of those, who are out that I object to," continued the superintendent. "For instance, the scholastic census shows a population between the ages of 6 to 20 years of 6,351. Our total enrollment is 3,486. Taking a straight percentage of 6-14 as representing the number between the ages of 14 and 20, there are 2,727 with whom the truant officer has nothing to do, leaving about 140 under 14 years of age not in the schools. But these with boys who play truant, having no one to go after them, cause the most of the mischief. They destroy school property, and set the other children a bad example. For the morals of the city the truant officer should be appointed."

A truant officer's salary is fixed at not less than \$20 nor more than \$50 the month. He shall receive not less than \$1 nor more than \$2.50 for each school day.

ASSAULT TO ROB.

Charge Against Two Steamboat Hands Arrested Today.

Thomas Terry and John Turner, colored, steamboat hands, were arrested this afternoon by Patrolmen Cross and Johnson on a warrant sworn out by Charles Lock, colored, charging them with assault and attempt to rob. Lock claims that he was enticed into a house at 202 Monroe street just before noon by the two men who assaulted him. He said they went through his clothes but secured nothing as Lock had his money in his stocking. He does not know what was used in assaulting him, but his head shows signs of having been struck with a stick.

Terry and Turner were arrested at 1:15 by Patrolmen Cross and Johnson.

Special Grand Jury.

The minutes of the examining court in the case against Charles Smith, accused of maliciously cutting Rosa Anderson, both colored, were returned into court by the grand jury marked "dismissed."

Commonwealth Attorney John G. Lovett stated that he would urge the empaneling of a special grand jury in event the present grand jury is discharged this week, as there is a great deal of work to do outside of the jail cases.

Arrests Will Be Made.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 7.—Evidence which will result in the arrest of several members of the mob which burned the trust tobacco plants at this place last Saturday morning was secured this morning by Mott Ayres, state fire marshal, and it is expected that warrants for at least three additional members of the mob will be issued within the next few days.

Wasp Goes Proselyting.

Norfolk